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Application No. (To Be Assigned) Confirmation No. : (TBA) PCT/EP2004/004741 First Named Inventor Stephan BARUTZKY Filed December 5, 2005 TC/A.U. (To Be Assigned) Examiner (To Be Assigned) Docket No. 095309.57108US Customer No. 23911 Title Roof Structure for a Vehicle and Method for Producing Said Structure INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R § § 1.97 AND 1.98 Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the attached Form PTO-1449 lists documents which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application. T. Time Period of Submission This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted: \boxtimes 1) no later than three months from the application's filing date or 2) before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later) or 3) before a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, and therefore no statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R.§ 1.17(p) is required. after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, a Notice of Allowance, or an action closing prosecution (Ex parte Quayle), (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing concurrently herewith: a Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e); or

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